tis; Mass., Maine and N.H. — Mrs. L. Vencius; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. S. Subatas; Ohio — Mrs. A. Stepulionis; Pa. — Mrs. F. Schevets.

Grievance Committee: Mrs. A. Wackell, Mrs. J. Salasevicius and Mrs. K. Sriubas.

Literary Committee: Mrs. A. Poska, Miss M. Jokubaitis and Miss V. Galnaitis.

Delegates to A.L.R.C. Federation: Mrs. K. Sriubas and Mrs. S. Subatas.

Dr. Suzana Slakis was appointed Medical Examiner; Mrs. Sophia Sakalas was reappointed editor of the organization's monthly publication, "Moterų Dirva". Mr. John Brenza was reappointed Legal Advisor.

In observance of its 25th year of publication, an enlarged edition of "Moterų Dirva" appeared during the month of October, 1941.

1942 — Another New Page

Everyone was urged to put into action the motion of the 20th Convention. which designated that extra effort be put into the membership drive, thereby gaining many more new members.

Japan's unwarranted attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th cast the nation into World War II. Unable to give direct aid to their Soviet occupied homeland, yet, wanting to be useful, "sąjungietės" channeled their efforts into new ventures. one of which was the American Red Cross. Outstanding in this work was Mrs. Josephine Dauzvardis, wife of the Lithuanian Consul in Chicago. and a member of Chapter 67, who was official speaker for the Chicago Chapter of the American Red Cross. Through her efforts, numerous Red Cross chapters were organized among those of Lithuanian descent. Once again, members of the Alliance were in the forefront collecting usable clothing, food, and drugs; hundreds of hours were spent in rolling bandages and knitting socks and sweaters.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, gravely concerned for the people of the world, repeatedly urged its Christians, and the women in particular, to pray for world peace. In the Alliance family, hundreds of mothers bid farewell to their sons, who went to war, and perhaps give their lives, in the European Theatre of Operations or the far-flung, disease-ridden jungles of the Pacific islands.

In prayer and frequent corporate communion, "sąjungietės" the nation over prayed that a war-enflamed world would regain a bereft peace and return to normalcy.

1943 — Suggestion For Success and Peace

With the commencement of the year 1943, Supreme Sp. Dir.. Rev. S. Kneizis, expressed some fine sentiments to the membership. He succinctly stated, "When great misfortune, such as the continuing war, suppresses and fatigues mankind... the only road to peace and happy living is for man to return to God; to set his life in order according to God's plan — The Ten Commandments".

This was to have been a convention year, however, after discussing the conditions of the nation and world, the Supreme Board and the State Directors voted to postpone it. Supreme Pres., Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas, gave this explanation: "A convention to be worthwhile must be well-

attended. A good representation at this time would not be realized because of transportation problems and gasoline shortages. Rationing of these and other commodities would make it difficult to get together. Then too, many of our members are working in war plants or aiding the war effort in other ways, and would not be able to leave their jobs, as much as they would wish to. It would be a costly venture for the organization and, it is evident, that results would be negligible." Mrs. Paurazas assured everyone that the organization was in good stead, that the motions of the previous convention had been carried out and assigned tasks completed.

1944 — To Work and to Win

Although the ensuing war had dampened their spirits and the increase in membership during the past year had not been too impressive, "sąjungietės" were offered a motto for 1944: "To Work and to Win".

Once again, the convention was postponed. Letters sent to the chapters showed that the majority was in favor of putting it off until after the war.

1945 — A Great Accomplishment

It was a joy to all to learn that on April 12, 1945, through the tireless efforts of Supreme Secretary, Mrs. Mary Vaiciunas, the Women's Alliance was registered in the State of Michigan and legally entitled to do business therein.

Since four years had elapsed since the last convention, the Supreme Board decided to hold one in this year.

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